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RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2002 in the file of this application, the applicants respond herewith as follows:

In response to the requirement of restriction imposed by the Examiner the applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I. The applicants also traverse this requirement. The applicants believe that the subject matter of Groups I and II are inextricably linked and should be examined together both in the interests of the applicants and in the interest of efficiency by the Patent and Trademark Office.

Wherefore it is requested that this requirement for restriction be reconsidered and withdrawn.

A separate petition for extension of time for four months is submitted so that this response will be considered as timely filed. These applicants are entitled to small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,

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